

Command Sergeant Major Brian C. Safewright

CSM Safewright entered active military service on 19 September 1989 and attended Infantry OSUT at Ft. Benning, GA. He graduated as an Indirect Fire Infantryman in January 1990. He attended Basic Airborne School with a follow on assignment to Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC. He deployed with Charlie Company on 06 August 1990 in support of Operations Desert Shield & Desert Storm and has served in every position within a 60mm Mortar Section to include ammunition bearer, Gunner, Squad Leader and Section Leader.

In January 1994 he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5th Cavalry. SGT Safewright served as a Squad Leader, Fire Direction Chief, and Section Sergeant with multiple deployments, including Operation Able Sentry III, United Nations Protection Force in Macedonia and Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

SSG Safewright later served as an Assistant Operations Sergeant in the XVIII ABN Corps, G-3 Current Operations. In 1999 he was selected to attend the United States Army Drill Sergeant School and was later assigned as a Drill Sergeant in Bco, 1-61 Infantry until July 2002.

Upon completion of his Drill Sergeant assignment, SSG Safewright was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He served as the Section Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant for the Vanguard 120mm Mortar Platoon during Combat Operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. While deployed, he was selected and promoted to Sergeant First Class.

In July 2005, SFC Safewright was assigned Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Riley, KS. Initially, he served as the Mortar Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant for the Black Lion Battalion. While deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, he was selected for promotion to Master Sergeant was frocked to 1SG in December 2007. He was appointed as the 1SG for HHC, 4-1 Brigade Special Troops Battalion for the remainder of the 15 month deployment.

In January 2009 he was selected by the Division Command Sergeant Major to serve as the 1SG for Operations Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. He deployed in January 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn within USD-S.

In May 2011, 1SG Safewright was assigned to Alpha Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 29<sup>th</sup>

Infantry Regiment. He served as the Company First Sergeant and later served as the Battalion Command Sergeants Major until his departure for the United States Sergeants Major Academy.

SGM Safewright most recently served as the Brigade Operations Sergeants Major for the 198<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. CSM Safewright has graduated the Infantry Mortars Leaders Course, WLC, ALC, MSLC, Battle Staff, 1SG Course and the United States Sergeants Major Academy, Class #63. His awards include the BSM(2), MSM(3), ARCOM(5), AAM(7) and several other individual and unit awards. SGM Safewright has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.